

**Question for written answer E-003794/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Evaluation of EU agencies

On 10 April 2025, I asked questions on the topic 'Navigating in the right direction'. These were answered on 8 August 2025 by Mr Dombrovskis, under reference E-001488/2025(ASW).¹ An interesting part of his answer reads as follows: "In line with the Common Approach, the founding acts of agencies require the Commission to carry out an evaluation of the agency, normally every 5 years. The evaluation assesses the effectiveness, efficiency, coherence, relevance, and EU added value of the EU decentralised agencies and therefore provides a basis to decide on possible amendments to the governance or mandate of the agency and whether to continue or not its mandate."

In view of this:

1. Online evaluations of a number of agencies are available. However, these have not always been carried out within a five-year timeframe, nor have they always been carried out by the Commission. The European Court of Auditors (ECA) publishes reports on the agencies, and the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) decides on an annual basis whether to grant discharge. Can the Commission indicate which agencies it has officially and systematically evaluated, in which year this took place, and what the outcomes of these evaluations were?
2. Can the Commission explain the timetable and the specifications and/or criteria according to which the agencies were/are being evaluated?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001488-ASW_EN.html